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4. To speed up the work, the ministry of fosts, Telegraph and Telephone has made available the services of the 6 and 7 Ingineering Corps, and the Northwest military Area has provided a telecommunications battalion, an army engineers bettalion and a transport company. The Sinkiang military District has also assigned a telecommunications company and an army engineers company to this project.

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Comment. Turfan and Shanshan are not on the route of the lisk-Lanchou railroad reported in telegraph line and railroad appear to follow the same route.

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